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Manuscript Title: <b>Systemes Agroforestiers à <i>Garcinia kola</i> Heckel au Sud-Est du Bénin : Distribution Géographique, Connaissances Endogènes et Retombées Financières</b>	
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## Evaluation Criteria:

Please give each evaluation item a numeric rating on a 5-point scale, along with an explanation for each point rating.

<i>Questions</i>	<i>Rating Result</i> [Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]
<b>1. The title is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.</b> (a brief explanation is recommendable) <b>All elements mentioned in the title were presented in the article.</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2. The abstract clearly presents objects, methods and results.</b> (An explanationis recommendable) <b>All parts (subject, objectives, methods and results) are clearly recognizable in the abstract.</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>3. There are grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.</b> (a brief explanation is recommendable) <b>The article is globally well writing, even if it is remaining a few errors and mistakes to correct.</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>4. The study methods are explained clearly.</b>	<b>3</b>

<i>(An explanation is recommendable)</i>	
<b>A big effort was done to explain the study methods, but some details still need. For example: how interviewees estimated tree's age and their benefits; why there was disparity between number of interviewees in different communes (30, 46 and 64).</b>	
<b>5. The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>(An explanation is recommendable)</i>	
<b>The body of the paper is clear but, some parts have to be reviewed. Indeed, in introduction, the study was not well justified, regarding of bibliography. Some results, especially the PCA's and ethnobotanical ones, were not discussed. In the light of yours results, you have to talk about implications for conservation strategies.</b>	
<b>6. The conclusions or summary are accurate and supported by the content.</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>(An explanationis recommendable)</i>	
<b>7. The references are comprehensive and according to the APA citation style.</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>(All the sources in the list of references are cited in the content and vice versa)</i>	
<i>(abrief explanationis recommendable)</i>	
The following references were cited but not listed: Farombi <i>et al.</i> , 2000) Adjanonhoun <i>et al.</i> (1989), Kouchadé (2013) Byg et Baslev (2001), Gomez-Beloz (2002) ; de Freitas <i>et al.</i> (2010) ;	
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In general, references are not recent. The last ones are published in 2011.

**Overall Recommendation** (mark an X with your recommendation) :

Accepted, no revision needed	
Accepted, minor revisions needed	<b>x</b>
Return for major revision and resubmission	
Reject	

**Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):**

Most of my comments and suggestions are reported in the manuscript.

References have to be up dated in order to improve the introduction and the discussion. The objectives have to be well justified.

**Comments and Suggestions to the Editors Only:**

This study is interesting because of the species *Garcinia kola* that is poorly documented. Methodology used is not innovative but before publication, the manuscript has to be really corrected. I do not if corrections can be described as minor or not.

